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INFO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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SUBJECT: GVN/ PRG BILATERAL MEETINGS

REF: A. USDEL 7520

B. SAIGON 4963

1. GVN DEL ADVISORS TRAN VAN DO AND NGUYEN DAC KHE TOLD USDEL OFFICERS MARCH 27 THEY BELIEVED HANOI HAD NOT YET MADE FUNDAMENTAL DECISION AS TO WHETHER TO CONTINUEE AND RENEW MILITARY EFFORT OR TO TURN TO POLITICAL STRUGGLE, AND UNTIL SUCH DECISION WERE MADE GVN/ PRG TALKS WOULD NOT SHOW PROGRESS. (THEY ALWAYS USED TERM " NLF" TO REFER TO PRG AND CONSIDERED NFL TOTALLY CONTROLLED BY HANOI.)

2. WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK DO AND KHE ASKED WHETHER DRV DEL TO JEC SEEMED SERIOUS AND WHETHER DRV ECONOMIC PLANS INVOLVED CONSUMER GOODS AS WELL AS DEVELOPMENT AID. OUR AFFIRMATIVE REPLY ON BOTH COUNTS WAS GREETED WITH SATISFACTION BY DO AND KHE AS AT LAST ONE INDICATION HANOI MIGHT CHOOSE PATH OF PEACE.

3. THEY FURTHER STATED VIEW, WWICH THEY SAID WAS THAT OF THEIR DEL AND OF GVN, THAT HANOI' S DECISION WOULD BE GUIDED BY ARRANGEMENT AMONG US, USSR AND CHINA WITH REGARD TO PEACE IN SVN. WHEN WE REMARKED HANOI MIGHT HAVE ITS OWN VIEWS, THEY NOTED HANOI' S NEED FOR ASSISTANCE AND SAID WE OVERESTIMATED HANOI' S INDEPENDENCE OF ACTION.

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4. WE NOTED SEMI- OFFICIAL SAIGON DAILY TIN SONG HAD SAID SECRET GVN/ PRG BILATERALS WERE TAKING PLACE (REF B) .

DO RESPONDED THAT GVN HAD SUGGESTED THIS BUT NLF HAD NOT
ACCEPTED AND SO FAR NONE HAD TAKEN PLACE.
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